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NEWS



THE LAST NEWSLETTER BEFORE THE CONVENTION

Normally, a July-August-September issue would be produced prior to our meeting but with a new president on the immediate horizon and the need to report T.E.C.'s meeting activities, the next issue will be printed in August and so

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT....

This is the last time you will be seeing this newsletter under the byline of Lee Martin. My term of office ends as of our meeting in New Orleans and our new president will take over prior to completion in early August.

It is true that the next letter will be dated July-August-September but in order to have full details of the T.E.C. meeting, it seems logical to delay the newsletter until immediately after the meeting which occurs July 31st. Please check the A.N.A. program for full up-to-date data as there may be some change in date or time. Also, the program will list where the meetings of board and members will be.

The two-year term I am about to complete has been very enjoyable. Members, with the exception of this issue, have been most cooperative. Compiling the T.E.C. news has been easy to do... at least in comparison with the N.L.G. newsletter from which I have just resigned as editor after 13 years at the helm.

I would also like to thank rollers who were kind enough to furnish coins to T.E.C. members. Gus Mec-carello, Vance Fowler, Cliff Roth, Irving Canter, Richard Townsend and Copper Charms. A special "thank you" to Vance Fowler for three donations including the current enclosed coin.

Your new president, upon election, will be in touch with you and I do hope you will continue to offer that individual (notice how I hedged on saying "he" or "she") the same superb cooperation I have been fortunate enough to receive.

The 1981 T.E.C. badges, featuring the membership coin on a quarter are now ready but it has been pointed out to me that the badges are not distributed until the T.E.C. meeting this year in New Orleans. Those unable to attend will receive them via the mail after the get-together.

The Board meeting will occur on Wednesday, July 29, 1981 at 8:00 a.m. The regular meeting of the membership is set for Friday, July 31 at 9:00 a.m. (Rivergate Hotel).

The A.N.A. will have a club midway devoted to organizations and T.E.C. has reserved a booth. A 6x6 table will be available, without cost, to T.E.C. and it is hoped members will use the area as a friendship contact point and also as a "let's get acquainted" new member-attracting place. Care to volunteer to "man" the table? For women-libbers - - that is to "gal" the table.

I'd like to make this meeting a very special one and if you have any ideas as to how the meeting can have some added "sparkle", drop me a line.

FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT (Con't)

THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. . . Donations for prizes and give-aways are needed. We may also auction a few better coins if anyone has something special to donate. All funds will go into the T.E.C. treasury. Needless to say, those contributing will be publically thanked.

SEE YOU IN NEW ORLEANS . . . Lee.

P.S. - This issue of the newsletter is smaller than usual because fewer articles were submitted.



THE FOLLOWING IDEA WAS SUBMITTED A YEAR AGO BY DALE. B. LEACH, A.N.A. LIFE MEMBER 756, TAMS LIFE MEMBER 114. It was inadvertently overlooked. Your ideas concerning Life Memberships will be appreciated and will be acted on by the board during the New Orleans meeting.

RE: A proposal to The Elongated Collector (T.E.C.) at the general membership meeting.

PROPOSAL: Make T.E.C. memberships available at \$60.

REASONS:

ANA, TAMS and other dues-funded organizations offer a single payment life membership category as an alternative to the payment of dues on an annual basis.

Benefits of having a Life Membership category accrue to both the member and the organization:

TEC would display an image of continuity and longevity. The necessity to follow up on delinquent dues might be reduced. The prepaid dues would form a core or nucleus to allow TEC funded activities to continue unabated even if a life member later loses interest or curtails his/her collecting activity.

Sixty dollars (\$60) invested in certificates at current interest would return enough to cover the current \$5.00 dues.

Not necessarily on an annual basis, but the Life Membership could be used as an award to those unselfish persons who advance The Elongated Collector stature or "for good of the cause", so to speak.

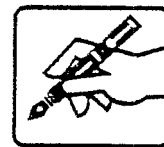
The member who elects to participate in this single purchase option saves postage and check costs used in sending in his annual dues remittance. He locks into a membership cost that must be raised if inflationary trends continue. The \$60 is based upon a 12-year pay back (disregarding interest accumulations, purchasing power and other fiscal formulas) and in year 13 one could convince him/herself of getting a free membership.

Administration could be handled by starting a new number series of LM 3001, LM 3002, etc. or by merely prefixing the current number with the LM designation for Life Member. I prefer the latter. (I had to luck out and convince Al to assign my TEC 756 number when it opened up so it would match my ANA number).

The Life Membership fee could start at \$60 and be raised whenever the annual membership fee was raised.

I would like to ask for the Board's consideration. Possibly publishing this proposal in the TEC Newsletter asking for a response of those interested might indicate whether this is a lone idea or one of several members.

I thank you for your time.



MEMBERSHIP DUES . . .

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN TO PAY?

The 1981 dues should be paid now. Dues are \$5.00 per calendar year and checks should be made payable to T.E.C. and sent to Alice Penzes, 9312 West Fort Street, Detroit, Michigan 48209.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN - Al Kirka

It's that time again when Sally asks me to write an article for TEC NEWS. Like most of us, I'm no writer so I can't sit down and just start writing. I try to think of something to write but it's not all that easy. Right now, what comes to mind is watching my wife Sally design things for her elongated coins, or her Philatelic Numismatic Combined Covers that she makes to go with her elongated coins.

This winter Sally went to town drawing covers. If she thinks of an idea to go with a coin, she will draw it. She also will design the elongated coin to go with the cover. I sometimes can't believe what I see but Sally sits for hours drawing or painting. She really is a night owl and can stay up all night to finish some of her work. As I see the work she does, I know I just never could do some of the things she does.

I do help her just the same. I'm the one who carries the envelopes from one table to the other so the paint will dry. Many mornings I get up to see some very nice covers spread around the room drying and no place to sit.

When our Governor of Connecticut, Ella Grasso, passed away this year, my wife sat there thinking of an idea to do in memory of our governor. Our governor's last public words to the people of Connecticut were, "I love you, I love you all." So that was the theme of these covers. As to the covers the day the hostages returned from Iran, Sally had me running to the postoffice for three days to have envelopes canceled as no one knew until the last minute when they would be released. Sally's idea for this was the yellow ribbon, so again she came up with a good idea. The day the hostages were released was the day that Ronald Reagan was inaugurated President of the United States. So as I already had some covers canceled on that date, you can bet Sally got an idea for an inaugural cover. I'm always the one who has to go to the post-office and beg to have a few covers canceled. I like to cancel the covers myself as I take my time and do a neater job. Some of the postal clerks do not realize these covers are collectors' items and would cancel them any which way. Sometimes it's like saying you'd give

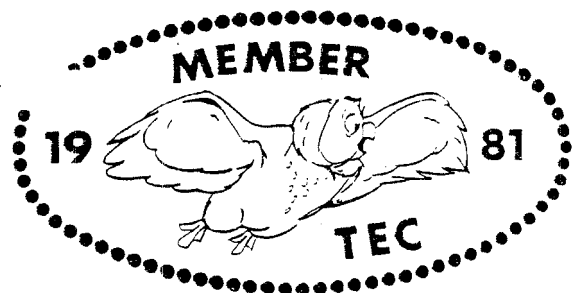
your blood if they let you cancel a few covers. It can be rough at times.

On Valentines Day I thought I'd try another postoffice. So I went to East Hartford, Connecticut which is the next town. There the clerk was very nice so I canceled what Sally gave me. She also gave me wooden money postcard covers that she makes. As they all have an elongated coin on them, she tells me it covers elongated coins as well as wooden money. There's a trick to canceling wood so the ink won't run but Sally gives me her own ink pad she has ready for this. I guess I do a good job as I don't hear any complaints.

When President Reagan was shot on March 30th, we were glued to the TV. Then I heard those famous words, "Will you go to the postoffice and get some covers canceled on this date?" I've never seen anyone rush me out of the house so fast as my wife did. I had only a half hour before the postoffice closed. All poor Sally kept saying was, "Please hurry." I got to the postoffice in time and this time I really did give them some of my blood. I caught my fingers on the canceling machine so I got spots of blood on a few covers. Now the job was how to tell my wife about this. When I got home, all Sally wanted to know was if I got the covers canceled. I had to tell her about the blood spots on a few covers. I was told it was more important to get that date stamped on the cover and not to worry about the blood. Sally fixed the covers alright as the paint covered all and it didn't ruin the envelopes.

Well, I can relax now but I don't mind helping my wife with her hobbies. Sally wants to write a book about her elongated coins and all the things she has made so if I can help her just a little, I will.

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By Lennie Schneider (This article is the conclusion of a tape)



"We'll go to Hawaii now. The reason I came here was that I was with my partner at the time and I needed another place to promote the coins, where it was warm, where I was indoors and where there were many people. Hawaii seemed to have pretty good locations. At the time we were just considering the winter. So I flew into Honolulu. There was a brief stop at the New York State Fair as I recall in late August or early September 1976 which was pretty nice.

"Here in Honolulu, Hawaii it is a very difficult scene to break through business-wise. As a white person, you're the minority, not from blacks, but from the Polynesians and the Orientals. The Japanese population is (I don't know exactly) but it's the majority. You have to go through their legal systems and you have to act their way which is a lot slower and a lot more refined and a lot more polite. The people who own the property are Orientals so that was one obstacle and the other obstacle is that there is a very limited space here...at Waikiki or the major tourist attractions. For example, in San Francisco my rents were \$75 in one location, \$200 in another, which I thought was astronomical. In Honolulu, to pay \$600-700-800 and even \$1,500 for a location is not unheard of. So it was a big shock.

"Also, to try and find a location was next to impossible. Well, I was determined and I walked the streets and I couldn't find any existing locations. So my only shot was to find a location that nobody discovered. I found an overhang of a building and I thought I could work there. I eventually made a deal with the landlord and got the location. That was my first.

"Now here I was in Honolulu selling the Bicentennial to the tourists. They really didn't care for it. They wanted something with aloha, Hawaii, Diamond Head, hulu girl, pineapple, surfer--something Hawaiian. So I sold a few and we rushed to make a die up and that takes time. And now we were struggling in the heat. The people were fine but it was really the heat of the day bothering us.

"Eventually I made a deal on a second location similar to the first. I'm still losing money. I still can't even afford to live here at that time between paying

some help and my expenses. My expenses outweighed my income. At that point I decided to leave Hawaii. I just wasn't going to make it. I gave my landlord a month's notice. I was here about two months, September and October. In the middle of November I gave notice. I didn't have the insight at that time to realize that September, October, November was the off season in Hawaii and from Christmas on, was the big season. I was struggling with the off season, being completely unaware of that.

"Luckily I made a deal with Woolworth's in Hawaii and I placed my third machine. Now with the three machines out, my income and my expenses were about 50-50. So I could stay, but I was not making any money. But I was living and existing. And I was better off now than when I first came.

"So those were my preliminaries until I made my deal with the Navy Exchange. I went out there and just took a tour and it was terrific. There was absolutely no one selling. There was a concession manned by the personnel of the Navy Exchange. I inquired who to see for this location and she gave me the name of the man in charge. I went there and his name was Charles Bennett. And for some freaky, unusual, far-out reason he liked the idea and gave me a chance--a trial period.

"So sure, I took the opportunity. I went there. I made a die up. I had some lead time of a couple weeks. It was the first week of January 1977 I placed a machine there and I had that one sent in from Bob. (Or two of them because I ended up with five machines.) I had two sent in. Here I was and I could not believe the business that I was having. I'd traveled around the country, did Fairs, Mardi Gras, Philadelphia, San Francisco and thought I was doing well. It did not even compare to the business that I was manifesting at the Arizona Memorial Landing.

"It was the second day and it was so hot for my worker and I that we took off our shirts. Three hours later I got a phone call from Mr. Bennett telling me to close up. I was stunned! I was numb. I asked him why and he said because I was out of uniform. I just had no idea, of in uniform or out of uniform. Fortunately, he listened and said to stay in uniform, stay

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appropriate. From that day on there were no shorts, no flip-flops, but t-shirts were allowed. My women employees had to have shoes and were dressed properly throughout the entire four years that I was there. Business started to grow and grow and it became more of a routine and things went smoother. But from what I understand now, during that time period, many people tried to get me out of there and I can't really say specifically, this is just second-hand knowledge that I am speaking about, but when people started telling the Captain of the Navy Exchange that I couldn't be there, and I was there, he defended me and said I was there. There were a lot of people at that time trying to have me removed. Navy structure is set up such where rank is the deciding factor. It went back and forth between higher and higher personnel until it eventually landed on the desk of an admiral of the Pacific Ocean. Now he had to decide whether the "penny person" of Pearl Harbor was going to stay or going to leave. Now the way the Navy runs is that they defend the decision that the man made at the time if he thought it was right. Otherwise if decisions could be overridden, the captain's words wouldn't be so meaningful. There would be a lot of people going up the next rank and having the previous decision debated. In this instance, regardless if the decision was right or wrong, the captain made his decision and the admiral stood behind it. That was it. Once I was in and it would take an act of Congress or the Navy Exchange to get me out.

"Business was promising. There were about 2,000-3,000 people a day that came to Pearl Harbor. At the landing there was myself and the Navy Exchange and also (eventually, not right away), there was another concession manned by the American museum foundation and they were either soliciting for donations in the initial stages of the last four years or they were selling books. I was the only independent contractor who has ever been allowed to be at the Arizona Memorial Landing--in the past, presently (at that time), or in the future--because now it's been declared a national park and the Department of the Interior National Park Service has taken over recently.

"Business was very good. The amount of money that I would gross a day was on the average of about \$500-700. It was a tremendous success...day in, day out, six days a week.

"An unusual situation that occurred was that the Navy needed these facilities to eat in. One of my prior enemies who tried to get me removed was Wes Carey, BM 1, Boatsman First Class Carey, was placed in charge of the landing and now had to confront me. Before he had been in the background. We started to talk and from someone who really, really put a lot of energy into having me removed, now that we were becoming acquaintances, we later became the best of friends. Our friendship began to grow. The Navy boat crews needed facilities to eat so he asked me if I'd like to contribute and I said sure. I was going to furnish this area with equipment for a mess hall. In order to do that, we needed okays from his seniors and my seniors. His seniors were called Operations and mine were called Navy Exchange. They never got along very well. His seniors also tried to have me removed, so when he asked them if it was okay if I donated some money, they were all in favor. They thought they deserved it. My people took the other side and they didn't necessarily believe I owed Operations anything. I played it lightly with them and told them I would like to do it. It was a minor expense and through the conversations, they allowed me to go ahead if it were kept down.

"Wes and I managed to break a wall down and put furnishings inside--a refrigerator, microwave ovens, kitchen counters, tables and chairs, paintings on the wall, etc. This little area now became an eating area for the boat crews.

"Something nice that happened was that Carey had it named Lennies Mess Hall. We had a ribbon cutting ceremony and both Lt. Commanders from both sides came, held the ribbon and cut it. It was a real touching time and my mother was there and she was very proud. I think that Lennies Mess Hall is the only building that has been named after a living civilian in the history of the Navy but I don't know if that's really a completely true statement because we've never investigated it.

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"Most of my days were good days, strong days, with people there all the time and very receptive to the coins. One thing I did to the coins was that we painted each one. We coated them so that either the Lincoln or the Memorial showed. I liked the idea. Initially I didn't do that--I used the customer's penny. It depends on the clientel but I prefer to do it that way now.

"Wes and I bought a sailboat together and became very good friends. Right now he's on a ship outside of Africa somewhere near Iran and after several years of operation, the national park began building a new facility and I knew I was going to be terminated sometime in the future. On October 10, 1980, the new place was opened and declared a national park and the Department of the Interior took over. I, Lennies Pennies, the Navy Exchange and the old facility were closed down. So that's where I am right now.

"There are new ventures that I have in mind, including a promotion of a shipping center. I don't know what will become of the future but there will never be a Lennies Pennies in a location as was at the Arizona Memorial Landing."

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A NEW CENT IS ON THE HORIZON.... The alloy will be almost zinc with just a touch of copper added. (Rollers may find the new cent difficult to roll). The new coin will be 19 percent lighter. A nice thought - - all elongateds rolled from our current copper cents should become a variety, in time worth more.

NEW ADVERTISING RATES . . .

INFLATION, that old bugaboo that has caused many publications, the Mint, and the post office to raise their rates is also responsible for a slight increase in T.E.C. advertising rates.

Our higher postage and printing costs reflect need for the new rates. Your understanding and cooperation will be appreciated.

NEW TEC AD RATES:

1 page - \$25.00 camera-ready
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"WHO'S COLUMBUS RESPONSE"

BY: John G. Spadone

My article on "Who's Columbus", was indeed read and enjoyed by many readers. No sooner had I received the T.E.C. news, than a dozen complimentary letters arrived in reference to the article.

As soon as the title caught their eye, "Who's Columbus?" (and everybody knows him) with the different angle of presentation, they quickly read the article. All with the same conclusion that there really was not more than one elongated with the portrait of Columbus and any two pictures did not look alike.

In one letter, they never read or thought of my comment in parenthesis (If the ships could fall off the world, why not the waters off the earth?) and that makes sense.

Martha Stevenson (new T.E.C. member) informed me that she had already written to the Art Institution of Chicago inquiring of any artist (by name and date) who did paint a portrait of Columbus. It certainly would be interesting to learn who the first artist was and who might have created the closest resemblance to the great navigator.

John Wilcox (the mailman from New Jersey) also thought the article was great and added that there was another Columbus Elongated that I overlooked. This was just out by Gus Meccarello and is listed in "Today's Elongated" book by Lee Martin on page 137. Immediately, I looked up the coin and did find one of Columbus' ship with 1492 across the two sails. However, still no portrait. As I was going through the pages, my eye caught another similar elongated on page 134, #66 also by Gus.

Frank Brazzell also read the article and wondered how many dies are available on Columbus. This article could inspire him (since he is in the business of machines, dies etc.) into producing a #2 issue.

I didn't notice a nice bust of Columbus on 1892, 1893 U.S. Commemorative Half Dollar or some on paper money. In any case, it could be done in 1981, another elongated coin with the portrait of Columbus, if we can decide which is the earliest or most attractive face.

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN

BY: Irving R. Canter #753

Much is unknown about this great American, whose visage graces the obverse side of the lowly copper penny. First, his name has been used to commemorate many places: Lincoln, Nebraska a thriving city in the midwest, Lincoln, England a city of lesser stature located near London, Lincoln Road a well traveled cross country road. Then, of course, locally, Lincoln Center an excellent theater in New York, Lincoln Tunnel a famous inroad under the Hudson River, linking New York and New Jersey. Fact is they even named an automobile a Lincoln Imperial. You could look up most anywhere and see Abraham Lincoln on schools, auditoriums, streets, bridges, and they also called American volunteer fighters in the Spanish Civil War the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

Though he lived during the 19th Century and the scientific age was still in its infancy, he managed to get enough formal education to advance himself to the top job of the United States, the presidency. He was the president who guided us through the perilous years of the Civil War. The war when neighbor fought neighbor and brother fought brother, be it North or South, to create a greater union of states.

Abraham Lincoln's merits were his outstanding assets. Primarily, his insight. Secondly, he had an astounding ability to express his convictions so clearly and with such force, that millions of his countrymen made them their own. His idea was merely to be understood and convincing. Many of his speeches, such as: the inaugural addresses, the annual messages to the Congress and the Gettysburg Address, came to be honored literature worldwide. Another of his greatnesses was his iron will. His undying faith that justice would prevail, gave him an unyielding strength. Lincoln never doubted that the North would be victorious and there would come a preservation of a much stronger and wiser UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Lincoln's administration was credited or infamous for creating the beginning of Federal Taxation on incomes. This was done in an effort to help defray the high costs of waging the war. (Which to this date, provides an excellent political football.)

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Abraham Lincoln was our nation's 16th President and was the first Republican elected. He had gotten only slightly less than 40% of the popular vote. This really was not a great show of popularity. His effectiveness became evident when his great foresight and will to preserve our Democracy far overshadowed and over balanced his laxity, carelessness and inefficient ability to resist more strongly, certain political pressures.

Numismatically, Lincoln is a favorite subject; his portrait is on the five dollar bill, one cent, many medals and tokens. Philatellically, his likeness has appeared on a variety of postage stamps and cards. Certain exnumists collect only Lincoln memorabilia. Many different types of Elongated Coins have surfaced in the past few decades of which LLOYD E. WAGAMAN, DOTTIE DOW, RALPH JONES and others have created portraits of ABRAHAM LINCOLN. The largest of all known is his portrait carved in rock at Mount Rushmore, which paid homage and gives great esteem to ABRAHAM LINCOLN. His birthdate is now a celebrated holiday in our country and he is probably one of the more thought of great AMERICANS throughout the universe.

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HAWAIIAN ELONGATEDS AT ANA-WAIKIKI

BY: Kazuma Oyama #663

Among the 23 exhibits at the ANA mid-year convention in Waikiki, February 5 - 8, 1981, was Scott Lum's fine display of Hawaiian elongateds. Enjoying the exhibit was TEC member Cliff Roth.

Lum's exhibit was a mixture of oldies such as "Idol of Hawaii", "Aloha Tower", "Crazy Carter's" and recent issues such as Lennie Schneider's Arizona Memorial varieties, including a die. Lum's exhibit was of special interest to elongated fans because he identified the designers of most of the items exhibited:

Lennie Schneider -

Arizona Memorial;
Aloha from Hawaii.
Dottie Dow - City of Refuge
(HSNA 1976).

Don Adams - City of Refuge.
Lloyd Wagaman -
10th Anniversary of
Statehood.
Danny Crabb - Hawn. Jim Beam.
Don Dow - Hawaiian Flag.
Howard Shenk -
Hawaii Aloha State;
Kamehameha - 1976.
House of Elongateds -
Aloha.
Kazuma Oyama -
Hawaii Celebrates
U.S. Bicentennial.

Besides the exhibit, Scott Lum also participated at the banquet by presenting flower leis to the lady governors, and to wives of the other governors and officials of ANA who were seated on the dais.

The exhibits were non-competitive so all 23 exhibitors received identical aluminum medals inscribed "Exhibitor 1981".

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ABOUT THE BOOK . . . "YESTERDAY'S ELONGATEDS"

The long-promised book by Lee Martin and Dottie Dow will definitely be available at the next T.E.C. meeting in New Orleans. Less than one month's work remains for completion of the book. The final phases include pricing the coins; all research in that area had been completed but some late data arrived and it helped bring some of the unknown material into a proper price focus.

The actual price of the book has not been determined because the printer hasn't been contacted and cannot be until the book is complete. The size of the book, whether to be as large as the book "Today's Elongateds" 8x11 or "The Elongated Collector" 5½x8 (approximate sizes indicated), is a difficult decision. The larger book size allows details of the coins to be easier to verify. The smaller book is easier to carry and will be less costly. Lee is leaning toward the larger book because so many have asked for it. The printer's quote will have a direct bearing on the completed size of the book. Those who asked to be contacted will have ample time to "yes or no". There is no obligation to buy. Only enough Library Edition books will be offered to fill the demand.

In addition to the basic listings and pricing data, a series of stories covering the hobby via nostalgia, the elongated museum, how elongateds are made, background to collecting and a group of other articles intended to familiarize collectors with the wonderful world of stretched coins.

The pricing of elongateds will not be appreciated by all. Due to the extreme ranges paid for similar coins and after consultation with a number of collectors, it was decided that pricing plateaus or levels would be practical. Thus a coin will fall into the following areas and be indicated by a number in parenthesis.(1).

LEVEL ONE	Under \$ 3.00
LEVEL TWO.....	\$ 3.01 - \$ 6.00
LEVEL THREE.....	\$ 6.01 - \$12.00
LEVEL FOUR.....	\$12.01 - \$20.00
LEVEL FIVE.....	\$20.01 - \$50.00
LEVEL SIX.....	\$35.01 - \$50.00
LEVEL SEVEN.....	\$50.01 and over

Obviously, the levels could have been expanded to cover areas such as \$75.00, \$100.00, etc. but once a coin reaches the \$50.00 level, it falls into a

demand category that bidders will determine because of their needs and budget. It was relatively easy to price all coins listed in Dottie's book because many collectors indicated what they has paid for the coins and auctions also listed most of them BUT the unlisted represented an uncharted area. Value for many was simple because they were unlisted and not that they were scarce. The prices paid had no relation to the worth of the coin. Admittedly, many prices will not be accurate since they represent an educated guess rather than exact knowledge. It is hoped collectors and dealers will feel free to vary their evaluations on those few that fall into a category inconsistent with the prices paid but never reported to this compiler.

IF YOU HAVE NOT RESERVED A LIBRARY EDITION, please do so now if you want one. At this time approximately 250 have indicated an interest in the special edition. I assume some will cancel out or simply not pay in advance when the price is announced so from 150 to 200 may be the number printed. There will be a regular edition, probably in soft cover, and this will be available from dealers. This, also, may be ordered in advance. Write: LEE MARTIN, P. O. BOX 667, Beaumont, California 92223.



HISTORIAN'S NOTES

Ginnie Aldridge

Vance Fowler of Cimeter Group, Inc. made a generous donation of coins to TEC Archives. This wonderfully warm, delightful person with his lively sense of humor is a definite "10" in our hobby. My thanks to Frank Brazzell and Bob Dadson for remembering us with a gift also.

Gus Meccarello continues his offer of 100 different moderns with varieties for \$25.00 plus \$2.00 postage. 228 Vassar Road, Poughkeepsie, New York 12603.

Dottie Dow has three issues for sale currently. Her 1979 Santa U.S.A., 1980 Good Wishes (Christmas) and John Paul Jones at .50 each plus S.A.S.E. can be ordered from 3105 East Osborn, Phoenix, Arizona 85016.

Two new issues from Indiana. Pledge Allegiance to Flag and Valentine at .50 each. Frank Brazzell, 2224 Wabash Ave., Terre Haute, In 47807.

Chester Rogers remembers hostages with two elongated cents--Hostages taken and hostage release with Christmas trees lighted at .50 each or \$5.00 dozen. P. O. Box 553, Leachville, Arkansas 72438.

Fonzie elongated coin at \$1.50 each. John Spadone, 4872 Northwest 171st Terrace, Miami, Florida 33055.

GET WELL WISHES to Doug Fairbanks who had surgery in February, Gelvin Leeper who is mending from knee surgery, Dottie Dow who returned to work after six months leave of absence due to foot surgery and Mayme Scott who have been ill.

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"TRY IT YOU'LL LIKE IT"

Martha Stevenson, TEC #820

The first ANA Convention was in Los Angeles 1975. A friend Leonard Sterling introduced me to Dottie Dow and received a lovely surprise. Her very own special way of saying "hello" was to give an elongated cent. Dottie was president at the time?

When I got back to my room, I looked at the elongated coin and thought it was interesting and kept it. Sometime after that while attending ANA Conventions, I received a few more of them. I am ashamed to admit I wasn't impressed, but saved them because they were given with much love.

At the 1980 TEC meeting I was to be a guest of Ginnie Aldridge and she became ill, but wanted to meet the members which included Harold Flartey and many others who are elongated collectors.

Today I am a member and look forward to seeing everyone again in New Orleans. Have encased my 22 elongated cents in 2 x 2's for preserving the work and designs of many people who put their love and idea into a wonderful interesting hobby. Fell in love with each one as I worked on positioning each elongated to show the best advantage for showing them off. "I tried it and now I like it."

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MEMBERSHIP COINS

The membership coin has been rolled by Claude Watt. The art work was by Ron Chatham. T.E.C. now has an award coin which is undated and, hopefully, can be used during future years by merely changing the denomination rather than the design. The die was donated by Lee Martin. It was etched by Chatham. The owl in flight on the membership coin reflects your president's theme of "Don't just sit there. Do something!"

COOPERATION PLUS . . .

Vance Fowler, that peerless roller who has contributed so much to T.E.C., recently made an offer too good to refuse. Your sound-asleep editor told you about it and then neglected to furnish the address. Just in case you've forgotten - - Vance's ground rules are repeated and they are the best you will ever make with only a bit of time, an envelope and a stamp as your cost. WRITE TO: The Cimeter Group, Vance Fowler, 3447 Centennial Dr., N.W., Salem, Oregon 97304.

After considerable thought, I have determined a course of action. When I complete a machine, I test run it several hundred times. These elongateds then become surplus to me. I will no longer offer them for sale, BUT for each T.E.C. member that sends me a S.A.S.E., I will send one of these elongateds WITHOUT CHARGE as they become available. This offer begins immediately and will continue as long as it is feasible for me to do this. You may start sending those S.A.S.E.'s now. I can't promise when or how often you'll get a coin back, but as soon as you get one, send another S.A.S.E. for my next test run, etc. I can put my children to work doing this to help out if too many of you respond. It is open to all of you as long as I can do it.

Here are the basic ground rules for my offer:

1. I simply cannot answer all correspondence due to my current 80-90 hour work week.
2. There will be NO CHARGE to T.E.C. members. This is a thank you dedicated to those who have helped me.
3. You must send a S.A.S.E. each time you receive an elongated or you may send three or four at a time. You must keep track or you may miss out.
4. If the total number of active T.E.C. membership responding to this offer exceeds 350, I will probably not be able to continue doing this.
5. There is no promise on issue times or that you will get one of each and every die we will eventually produce. It will depend on my production schedule. Your coins will come as they are produced from test runs only.
6. IF my business goes down in flames, well, you may lose your S.A.S.E.'s.
7. No back issues will be sent and no multiple orders will be sold. This is strictly a FREE offer and on a "come as it will" basis.

8. If I ever do get enough elongateds available at some future point, I may offer them for sale in multiples through the mails. However, most of my dies will not be in my possession but out on location working for me.

9. You must take the initiative and send the S.A.S.E. or you won't get your FREEBIES!

10. DO IT...and thank you, T.E.C..... and especially Lee Martin.

Faithfully,
The Cimeter Group
Vance Fowler
President
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THE AWARD COIN . . .

Just in case you are curious as to who will be receiving the award coin, the answer is - the board will be queried as to their views and the recipients will be notified during the TEC meeting in New Orleans. (Those not in attendance will receive their coin via the mail).

In the past an award coin was issued to deserving individuals who had published material favorable to the hobby. As a result, numerous coin publications were among those receiving the award. This procedure brought added publicity to the hobby. It seems likely that the same idea will be utilized in 1981 but it is up to the board.

Not to be overlooked are those dedicated members who have done so much to help TEC via acting as officers, writing articles on a regular basis or other outstanding actions that have helped move TEC to the forefront of our hobby. Your president's vote goes to those who donated coins for the newsletter, to those who submitted articles REGULARLY, to our Vice-President, the Treasurer, Secretary and to members who have been active in the hobby.

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